### **Department of Veterans Affairs**

(o) Section 21.4216—Review of decision of Director of VA facility of jurisdiction.

(Authority: 10 U.S.C. 16136(b); 38 U.S.C. 3034(a), 3241(a), 3690)

[45 FR 31, Jan. 2, 1980, as amended at 53 FR 34499, Sept. 7, 1988; 57 FR 38613, August 26, 1992; 61 FR 1526, Jan. 22, 1996; 61 FR 29030, June 7, 1996; 63 FR 35836, July 1, 1998; 72 FR 16978, Apr. 5, 2007]

PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION

#### §21.5230 Programs of education.

- (a) Approving the selected program of education. Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, VA will approve a program of education for a veteran or servicemember under 38 U.S.C. chapter 32, only if—
- (1) The program meets the definition of a program of education stated in §21.5021(q):
- (2) Except for a program consisting of a licensing or certification test, the program has an objective as described in §21.5021(r) or (s);
- (3) Any courses, subjects, or licensing or certification tests in the program are approved for VA training; and
- (4) Except for a program consisting of a licensing or certification test designed to help the veteran or service-member maintain employment in a vocation or profession, the veteran or servicemember is not already qualified for the objective of the program.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3202(2), 3689(b))

(b) Programs which include secondary school training. VA may approve the enrollment of a veteran or servicemember in a refresher, remedial, deficiency or other preparatory or special educational assistance course when the veteran or eligible servicemember needs the course in order to pursue an approved program of education.

 $(Authority: 38\ U.S.C.\ 3241(a)(2))$ 

(c) Refresher training for those already qualified. The refresher training referred to in paragraph (b) of this section includes training in a course or courses for which the veteran is already qualified provided the course or courses permit the veteran to update knowledge and skills or to be in-

structed in the technological advances which have occurred in the veteran's field of employment. The relevant field of employment may have been pursued either before, during or after the veteran's active duty.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3241(a)(2); Pub. L. 100-689)

[55 FR 31583, Aug. 3, 1990, as amended at 72 FR 16978, Apr. 5, 2007]

#### §21.5231 Combination.

In the administration of benefits payable under chapter 32, title 38, U.S.C., the Department of Veterans Affairs will apply §21.4233(b), (c), and (e).

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3241)

[45 FR 31, Jan. 2, 1980, as amended at 61 FR 7218, Feb. 27, 1996]

### §21.5232 Change of program.

In determining whether a change of program of education may be approved for the payments of educational assistance, VA will apply §21.4234 of this part.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3241, 3691; Pub. L. 94-502, Pub. L. 101-366) (June 1, 1991)

[58 FR 46866, Sept. 3, 1993]

# COURSES

# § 21.5250 Courses.

- (a) In administering benefits payable under 38 U.S.C. chapter 32, VA and, where appropriate, the State approving agencies shall apply the following sections.
- (1) Section 21.4250 (except paragraph (c)(1))—Course and licensing and certification test approval; jurisdiction and notices.
- (2) Section 21.4251—Minimum period of operation requirement for educational institutions.
- (3) Section 21.4252—Courses precluded; erroneous, deceptive, or misleading practices.
- (4) Section 21.4253—Accredited courses.
- (5) Section 21.4254—Nonaccredited courses.
- (6) Section 21.4255—Refund policy; nonaccredited courses.
- (7) Section 21.4256—Correspondence programs and courses.